

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1 – 10. (Canceled)

11. (New) A method for detecting in a subject the presence of a nucleic acid molecule comprising a nucleotide sequence that (i) encodes a polypeptide having the amino acid sequence SEQ ID No: 1 or SEQ ID No: 3; (ii) is the complement of the nucleotide sequence of (i); or (iii) hybridizes under highly stringent conditions to the nucleic acid molecule of (i) or (ii), comprising:

(a) contacting a cell or an extract thereof from said subject with a nucleic acid probe comprising at least a portion of the nucleic acid molecule of (i), (ii), or (iii) under highly stringent conditions;

(b) measuring the hybridization of said probe to the nucleic acid molecules of said cell or an extract thereof, thereby detecting the presence of said nucleic acid molecule.

12. (New) The method of claim 11, additionally comprising before step (a): selectively amplifying said nucleic acid molecule of (i), (ii), or (iii).

13. (New) The method of claim 11 or 12, wherein highly stringent conditions comprise hybridizing at 42 °C in 50% formamide, 5X SSC, 25 mM KPO₄, 5X Denhardt's, 10 µg/ml salmon sperm DNA and 10% sulfate followed by washing at 58 °C in 0.1X SSC and 0.1% SDS.